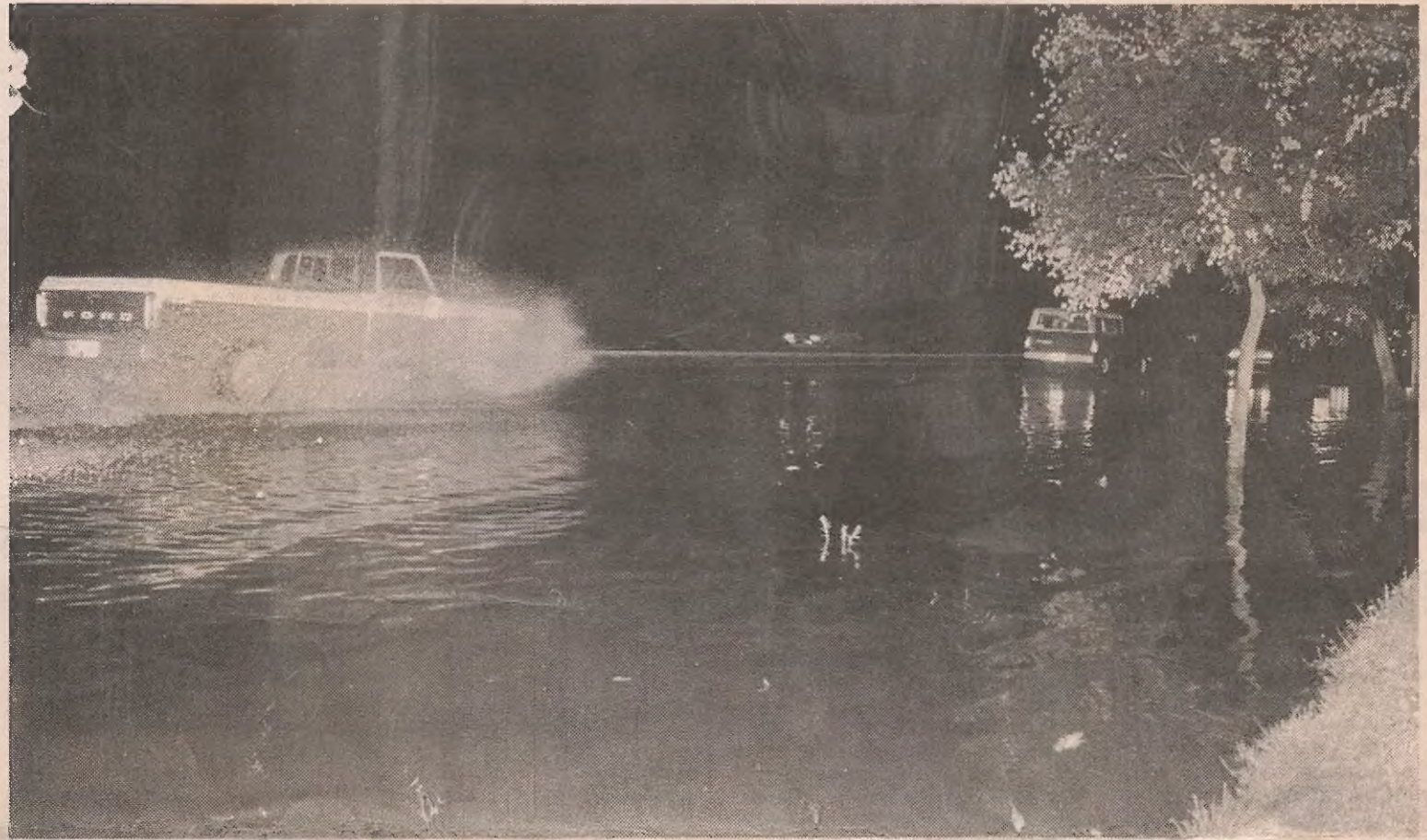


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Flooded streets were the result of an storm that swept through Utah Valley last night.

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Tornado, Floods Hit County

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A tornado, brilliant lightning display, winds up to 89 miles per hour, power outages in several communities, a mountain mudslide and a downpour measuring up to an inch in some areas came with two nighttime thunderstorms Monday that socked Utah County.

Two major thundershowers whipped through Utah County at about 8:25 p.m. and around midnight, letting up finally at about 3 a.m. today, said David James, an official weather observer for the National Weather Service.

No injuries nor structural damages were reported.

James and several other Provo people outside watching lightning on the southern horizon last evening reported a tornado touched down along the eastern shore of Utah Lake about five miles south of Provo.

"It came out of the clouds really fast and touched ground. It was a definite funnel and it was definitely spinning. It only lasted about a minute or two," James said.

According to the weatherman's records, Utah has been visited by more than 40 tornadoes since 1947. The last one reported in Utah County was in December 1970 in the mountains

near the Timpanogos divide.

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James said an 89-mph gust of wind hit a recording meter on the 178-foot high Kimball tower on the Brigham Young University campus at about 8:30 p.m.,

about five minutes after the tornado dissipated.

Lightning struck power lines and transformers, causing minor power outages in Salem and Springville, while the southwest and north sections of Orem

sat in the dark for about eight hours.

Between one-half and an inch of rain fell in Utah Valley during the past 24 hours, James reported, adding to already record amounts of precipitation for the state. Provo got .61 of an inch added to the 1 1/3 inches already recorded for August, but it is still below Provo's record rainfall for one month — 4.38 inches recorded last August.

"We've already had a record amount for the water year through July. We just don't need the water. If it saturates the mountains again like last year and we get heavy snow on top of it, we'll have problems again in the spring," James said.

South Utah County got the brunt of the showers which also doused Mona in Juab County with about 1.25 inches and Heber City in Wasatch County with half an inch of rain in a 10-minute period.

About 7 or 8 miles east of Billies Mountain, a flash flood overloaded culverts under State Highway 6 with mountain mud at about 7 p.m., washing about a foot of water over the road for about 20 feet and temporarily halting traffic. Three men and a snowplow removed the debris.

Rare Twister Leaves Jitters But No Damage

Monday night's tornado south of Provo touched down on the eve of the 16-year anniversary of the worst single day for tornado and funnel cloud activity in Utah, noted David James, an official observer for the National Weather Service.

The worst day was Aug. 14, 1968, when three tornadoes and one funnel cloud wreaked havoc in west Weber County and downtown Salt Lake City. One man was injured and damages to fields, haystacks, vehicles and structures totalled approximately \$50,000.

The most damaging tornado on record in Utah struck Bountiful City June 3, 1963, causing \$20,000 damage to the Bountiful Elementary School and demolishing several other structures, James said. There are no deaths

in Utah attributed to tornadoes, although one woman was seriously injured in April 1970 in Annabella (near Richfield) when a tornado sucked her up into the air 30 feet and dropped her upside down yards away.

Davis County, James said, "has the honor of having more tornadoes than any other county in the state."

James's records show more than 40 tornadoes hit Utah since 1947.

"We usually don't get the clashing of the air masses over Utah like you do in the midwest...because we have that barrier (of mountains) to the east," James said.

The most recent tornado in Utah County was Dec. 2, 1970,

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who the terrorists are," Arlen Specter, R-Pa., told reporters after an hour of talks with

A spokesman for the British embassy in Cairo said the vessels entered Egyptian waters

Monday, charging Libya rather than Iran for the mines. "I think that President Mu-

divert attention to the Persian Gulf war and decrease pressure on Iran.

High-Ranking Estonian, Wife Defect to

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (UPI) — A high-ranking Soviet official and his wife are sure to be granted political asylum in Sweden following their defection to the West, according to Swedish authorities.

In Munich, West Germany, police said Monday five East Europeans defected, including a Soviet

tractor driver who fled into West Germany across the Czechoslovakian border — the first such escape involving a Russian in 11 years.

The Soviet defector to Sweden — identified for the first time today as Estonian deputy minister of justice Valdo Randpere — was

being interrogated by security police. His wife was identified as the popular singer, Leila Miller, 23.

"The Estonian deputy minister of justice has asked for political asylum" in Sweden, said a foreign ministry spokesman.

Swedish authorities said the

couple arrived in Sweden late last week. They tried to keep the defection a secret to protect a child left behind by the official and his wife in Estonia.

A police official said the couple's application for political asylum would be handled "in the usual way" by the immigration

Gunman Fires at Police in Belfast On Anniversary of Deployment

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (UPI) — A gunman opened fire on a British army patrol today and police were alerted across the province for anti-British attacks on the 15th anniversary of troop deployment in Northern Ireland.

Police said there were no injuries in the shooting at the routine army patrol in the Roman Catho-

lic Falls Road area of Belfast shortly after midnight.

The incident came after sporadic rioting by youths who stole and burned four vehicles in protesting the death of a man killed Sunday by a police plastic bullet during a rally in support of the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

Police said Sean Downes, 22, who was killed when police unsuc-

cessfully tried to arrest a prominent American supporter of the IRA, was convicted of firearms possession and IRA membership in 1979.

The violence and police alert came as an American IRA supporter said every average American had the "moral duty" to arm the IRA, which is seeking to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

Lech Asks for

GDANSK, Poland (UPI) — Solidarity founder Lech Walesa marked the fourth anniversary of strikes that gave birth to the now outlawed union with a call today for reconciliation with Poland's communist authorities.

The Communist Party also marked the anniversary of the strikes by accusing the West of trying to start "bloody civil war" in Poland and wreck the country's alliance with the Soviet Union.

Court Sentences Young Hijacker To Prison, Frees His Companion

ROME (UPI) — A criminal court that sentenced a teenager to 1 1/2 years in prison for hijacking an Iranian plane to Rome acquitted another defendant who said he was asleep when his friend commandeered the aircraft.

A three-judge panel Monday im-

posed the jail term on Iranian Hosein Eftekhari, 18, after convicting him in a one-day trial of air piracy and complicity in kidnapping.

The court rejected prosecutors' demands that Eftekhari's friend, Mohsen Rahgozar, 17, be con-

victed on the same charges. Rahgozar had said he was asleep when his friend commandeered the plane, an A-300 Airbus, carrying 301 people.

Rahgozar was released from jail and was expected to decide soon if he wished to return.

Peru Guerrillas Kill Family, Pupils

AYACUCHO, Peru (UPI) — Mountain-based Maoist insurgents, in an escalation of terrorist tactics, massacred 26 people — including 15 schoolchildren whose throats were slit — apparently because they resisted the rebels' recruiting efforts.

Police and government officials Monday indicated that last week's attack on the remote Andean village of Sanchabamba marked the first time the radical Shining Path guerrillas had slaughtered children.

In Lima, Interior Minister Luis Perovich, called the killings "a reprehensible, merciless crime."

Authorities said some 50 guerrillas stormed and took over the town located 66 miles south of the state capital Ayacucho and 300 miles southeast of Lima, the Peruvian capital.

By the time they left, 26 people had been killed, including the wife and children of the district governor, who was not immediately identified, and 15 schoolchildren, aged 10 to 12.

Police said the throats of the schoolchildren had been slit and all victims had been shot. Though the killings took place last Wednesday, authorities were only able to confirm them Monday.

The police report indicated Shining Path was attempting to recruit in the village and met resistance. Shining Path, a group considered so far left it is rejected by other leftist rebel groups.

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German Chopper Hit by Gunfire

KARLSRUHE, West Germany (UPI) — Gunmen today attacked a government helicopter used by West Germany's top public prosecutor, who has brought a string of terrorists to trial, including the Baader-Meinhof gang.

First reports said Kurt Rebmann was not on board when the attack took place but the West German news agency DPA said its sources indicated Rebmann might have been in the aircraft.

"We are not ruling out a terrorist background to this shooting," said a spokesman for police, who mounted an immediate search for the attackers throughout the southeastern city of Karlsruhe.

The helicopter's rotor blades were struck by bullets of an unspecified caliber over Karlsruhe

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